



RTW CSO MEMBERS MEETING

Minutes for February 21, 2019
5:00pm, Inverness Masonic Business Center

In attendance: Al Cairns-President, Rich Roussel-Vice President, Mike Dolan-Secretary, Directors Steve Diez, Jim McLean, Ken Spilios, Don Zutat and Jerry Willert. Also attending were Nancy Keefer-Ride Chair and Jamie Roussel-Membership Chair, and our guest speakers, Ann and Fred Abeles.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by President Al Cairns

Al thanked everyone for attending the quarterly membership meeting and introduced our guest speakers Ann & Fred Abeles.

Minutes: Mike reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. A motion and second to adopt the minutes as presented was made from the floor. Al called for a vote and the motion passed. Al called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lyn the organization is in good health financially with \$82,994.43 as follows:

Bank of America	\$52,794.80
EJ Investment	\$24,072.12
EJ Endowment	\$6,127.51

Presidents Report:.

Merchandise Update: Al Cairns reported that we were still selling jerseys and other merchandise from our website adding \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year to our general funds.

Park Report: Diane gave a brief report on installing benches to meet the park's ADA compliance. Additional funding is being secured to complete the project this year. Invasive species removal is continuing and there are no plans to do a controlled burn.

Work Crew Update: Don reported that fencing and signs have been put up along certain sections of the trail. The caboos work is continuing (painting and replacing side panels) and is expected to be complete soon. Beige paint is available for trailside benches.

Patching Update: Jim reported that we had spent \$38k over the past several years with about \$8k still available for identified problem spots. A list has been developed. Florida Suntrail money may be available for some of our work.

Birdhouse Project: Jerry has a team working to clean, refurbish and painting the 200 + bluebird houses along the trail. They are still figuring out how to collect and record the nesting information – data needs to be collected every two weeks. He is looking for additional volunteers to cover the snowbird season.



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Construction is continuing at US-41 and Independence Ave to reroute the trail. Use Caution. The Dunellen connector has been funded and construction will start this year.

Facebook: Heather reported that we have over 3,500 followers on FB. Please like and Share our page!

Board of Directors: Rich noted that the board is looking for a couple of candidates to run for board positions in April. If interested contact Al or Jerry and request more information.

Bylaws: Mike reminded everyone to review the draft bylaws posted on the website. They will be resented for vote in April. Mike thanked Dave Nichols for taking time to review them and give me a copy of his notes.

Presentation: Ann gave an excellent 30 minute slideshow and presentation of their recent two week bicycle tour in Austria.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Dolan

Mike Dolan, Secretary



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A Two-Week Bicycle Tour in Austria

Thursday, February 21, 2019

5:30 PM

Inverness Masonic Lodge
95 S. Pine Ave, Inverness, FL

Ann and Fred Abeles, cycling snowbirds who live in Inverness in the winter, will give a talk and slide show on their recent bicycle tour in Austria. They started their tour with a couple of free days in Salzburg and then made a loop tour to the south following the Salzach River as far as Zell am See. Their return trip to Salzburg was mostly along the Saalsach River. The tour included visits to the historic salt mine near Hallein, the ice cave at Werfen and a tour of the open air Freilicht Museum, a park that has preserved typical buildings from villages in Austria.

After a “rest” day to visit the Hellbrunn Castle and attend a concert, they continued their tour, cycling up to Lambach and going by train to Lenz on the Danube River. From there they cycled along the Danube, visiting historic towns and passing through the Wachau wine district before catching the train to Vienna at Tullin.